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SUBJECT

Firing Ranges.

(3" mortar range near Dandigenahalli, Devanhalli Tq.)

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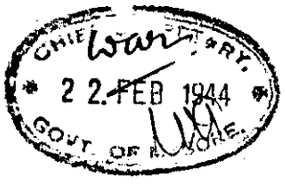
No:C.L.O. 386 /43-44.

OFFICE OF THE REVENUE COMMISSIONER
& CIVIL REPRESENTATIVE IN MYSORE,

BANGALORE, Dated 21st February 1944.

To.



V. Vedavyasacharya, Esq., B.A.,
Chief Secretary to the Government of His Highness
the Maharaja of Mysore,
B a n g a l o r e.

Sir,

Subject: Ranges - Dandiganhalli -
Devanhalli Taluk.

I have the honour to forward herewith a copy of the letter No.5131/G. dated 18th February 1944 received from the H.Q. 74 Ind. Inf. Bde. on the above subject.

2. The military authorities have asked for permission to use certain area (vide sketch enclosed), near Dandiganahalli, Devanhalli Taluk, as a 3" mortar Ranga. It is stated that the range would be used on 26, 27, 28 and 29th February 1944 for firing 3" mortar bombs and high explosives, between 0900 hours and 1700 hours daily.

3. The Civil Liaison Officer, Vadigenhalli who has inspected the spot in company with the military officer, reports that the site selected is a government waste land - belonging to Koramangala Village in Dandiganhalli Hobli, Devanhalli Taluk. He recommends for the reasons stated, (vide his letter dated 18th February 1944 - Copy enclosed), that the permission asked for may be granted to the military, as this area does not involve clearance of villages during the - exercises.

4. In these circumstances I request that necessary sanction of Government may kindly be obtained to the grant of the permission asked for by the military authorities to the use of the area in question as a 3" mortar range subject

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subject to the usual conditions specified below:-

1). that training will be avoided in the vicinity of inhabited villages;

2). that crop compensation should be paid to the owners of land for damage if any, caused during the exercises;

3). that the military should arrange to post required number of watchmen and prevent civilians entering the range area during the practices and

4). that arrangements should be made to trace all unexploded shells in the range area - immediately after every practice and - prevent civilians from tampering with them.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

REVENUE COMMISSIONER &
CIVIL REPRESENTATIVE.

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The S.S.'s proposal may be approved

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OFFICE OF THE MINISTER FOR EDUCATION
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Submitted with a reply to D.O.

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Copy of the report of the Civil Liaison Officer, Vadigenahalli Military Camp, dated 18th Feb. 1944.

Submitted.

Re:- Clearance of Ranges.

The area under reference was shown to me on the 14th instant by one of the officers of the 74 Brigade. The lands belong to Koramangala village Vadigenahalli hobli, Devanhalli Taluk. So far I could see that day it does not include any private land. The firing will take place in the Government waste land. It does not involve the clearance of villages. But people of Dandiganahalli, Koramangala (not shown in the sketch) and Guddanahalli are to be warned to keep off the range on the firing days. The officer told me that there is no need of evacuation of the surrounding villages.

The original letter and the sketch given by the officer are herein enclosed. Govt. sanction may kindly be obtained.

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M. N. Rao

For Revenue Commissioner and
Civil Representative.

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Copy of letter No. 5131 G dated 18th Feb. 1944 from H.Q. 74 Ind. Inf. Bde. C/o No. 11 Advance Base P.O. to the Civil Representative in Mysore.

Subject:- CLEARANCE OF RANGES.

Please arrange to have the Range cleared and the necessary notification published in accordance with the area marked on the attached sketch. Dates of firing 26, 27, 28 & 29th Feb. 44. Time of firing 0900 hrs to 1700 hours daily. Type of ammunition 3 inch Mortar Bombs High Explosive.

It will be noticed from the attached sketch that the area does not include any Villages.

The Civil Representative of the Division is being sent in person to get this matter put through quickly.

Please treat this as urgent.

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M. N. Ramaiah

For Revenue Commissioner &
Civil Representative.

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Chief

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The Revenue Commissioner and
Civil Representative in Mysore,
Bangalore.

Ranges - Dandiganahalli - Devanhalli Taluk.

With reference to your letter No. C.L.C.386/43-44, dated the 21st February 1944, stating that the Military authorities have asked for permission to use certain area near Dandiganahalli, Devanahalli Taluk, as a 3" mortar range and that the range would be used on the 26th, 27th, 28th and 29th February for firing 3" mortar bombs and high explosives between 9 A.M. and 5 P.M. daily and recommending sanction of Government to the proposal of the military authorities subject to the conditions mentioned in your above letter, I am directed to convey the sanction of

Government to the proposal of the military authorities.
subject to the conditions mentioned.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

For Chief Secretary to Government.